

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 634
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Eugene L "Gene" Joyce on being inducted into the East Tennessee Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, one of the country's greatest assets is Junior Achievement, which teaches young persons about the American free enterprise system and its concept of "learn by doing"; and

WHEREAS, each year the East Tennessee Junior Achievement, after a rigorous selection process, selects a few highly qualified individuals to be inducted into their illustrious Business Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the 1998 honorees for this prestigious recognition appropriately include Eugene L. "Gene" Joyce, the Oak Ridge "ambassador without portfolio", who, since 1940, has served admirably in numerous key roles in events in the city's history; and

WHEREAS, in announcing the inductees, Junior Achievement President Bob Mills stated, "It's a distinct pleasure to make these remarkable East Tennesseans part of our Hall of Fame. Each has come from humble beginnings to build remarkable success in their businesses and the community"; and

WHEREAS, a retired partner in the eminent law firm of Joyce, Meredith, and Filcroft, Gene Joyce was educated at the University of Alabama, The City College of New York,

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Peabody College, and the University of Tennessee College of Law, and was widely respected and admired by his fellow students at each of these institutions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority from 1938-1942, and later served commendably as personnel manager at the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant in Oak Ridge, where he was widely praised for his strong work ethic and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, he later worked for Western Union in New York and coordinated project services for the Tennessee Valley Authority's Douglas and Cherokee Dams before helping to form Oak Ridge's first law firm in 1951, with Frank Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joyce also played a crucial role in the founding of the Bank of Oak Ridge, now NationsBank; and

WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly, with former University of Tennessee President Andy Holt to found the important Technology Corridor in 1966; and

WHEREAS, this business innovator was also a strong supporter of the Pelissippi Parkway construction connecting Oak Ridge and Knoxville with the McGhee-Tyson Airport; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Mr. Joyce hosted the historic first meeting of the Roane-Anderson County Economic Council now known as the East Tennessee Economic Council; and

WHEREAS, is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor and commend a man who is truly one of our best and brightest businessmen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mr. Eugene L. "Gene" Joyce on his induction into the East Tennessee Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.